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PER CAPITA INCOME OF NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual per capita income of different North Eastern States in comparison to All India figures;

(b) the reasons if any for low per capita income of the region in comparison to the other States in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the per capita income of the North Eastern States ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): A statement on percapita NSDP(State income) at 1993-94 prices for the North Eastern States and All India percapita NNP as on 21.7.2006 is given below:

(Rupees)			
States	Percapita NSDP(State income) at 1993-94 prices		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Arunachal Pradesh	9760	10253	10226
Assam	6254	6466	6721
Manipur	7446	7532	8015
Meghalaya	10262	10795	11278
Nagaland	12292	NA	NA
Sikiim	11367	12026	12637
Tripura	10261	11136	NA
All India Percapita NNP	17281	18517	19649

Latest Percapita NSDP(State income) for Mizoram is available only at current prices for 2002-03 as given below:

(Rupees)	
State	2002-03
Mizoram	22207
All India Percapita NNP	18988

(b) & (c): Development of North Eastern States have been hampered by sensitive geographical location, natural calamities, communication bottleneck, political evolution, poor physical infrastructure, etc. All these factors have adversely affected entrepreneurship development, market development, income generation and capital formation in the region.

Balanced regional development has been one of the important objectives of National planning. In addition to treating North Eastern States under Special Category for liberal plan assistance, 10% mandatory earmarking of funds for NER by the central ministries, creation of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), funding development projects under North Eastern Council and setting up of DoNER are the special initiatives for overall development of North East and will be pursued in the 11th Plan period.